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Commissioner for Patents  
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OF APPLICATION (FILING DATE GRANTED)

Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted mailed March 16, 2007, "Part 2" of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing is a fully-executed, combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney (3 sheets) for the above-referenced patent application.

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- ☐ A basic filing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a).
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- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

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- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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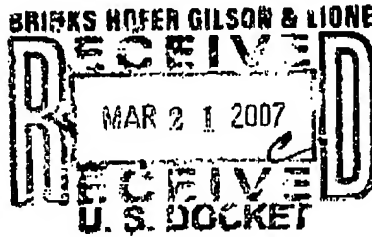
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/18/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/18/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/18/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/18/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/18/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/18/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/18/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/18/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/18/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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